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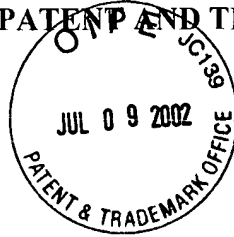
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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: KATO, et al

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FOR: METHOD FOR MEASURING THYROGLOBULIN

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 11, 2002, as restarted on April 11, 2002,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

CLEAN VERSION OF AMENDMENTSIN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 49, 50, 52, 53, 57, 58 and 60-67 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 53, 59, 76 and 77 as follows:

53. (Amended) A method for determining malignancy of a thyroid tumor from a fluid  
sample originating from a living body, the steps comprising:

(1) measuring an amount of one of two types of thyroglobulin in a fluid sample originating  
from a living body, the steps comprising:

(a) providing a reagent comprising,